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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Local Tax Preparer Arrested for Tax Fraud**

United States Attorney David E. O'Meilia and Erick Martinez, Special Agent in Charge of the Dallas Field Office of Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigations, announced the unsealing of a Grand Jury indictment today against Robert S. Miles, age 64, of Tulsa.

Miles, a commercial tax preparer and the longtime operator of an accounting and bookkeeping service, was arrested at his Tulsa business office earlier today. The sealed Grand Jury indictment, issued on January 9, 2008, charges Miles with the crime of *Subscribing To A False Document Under Oath*. He is accused of submitting falsified tax forms to the Internal Revenue Service, in that he allegedly failed to report his business income on the Form 1040 documents he submitted to the IRS for nine consecutive calendar years from 1996 through 2004, and that he also failed to submit the required Schedule C attachments for those same years.

After his arrest, Miles made an initial appearance in federal court before Magistrate Judge McCarthy, and his bond was set at \$10,000.00. If he is found guilty of the charged offense he faces a maximum prison sentence of up to three years per count and/or a \$250,000 fine per count or a total of 27 years in Federal prison if convicted of all counts.

The prosecution of the matter is being handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kenneth Snoke. The investigation was undertaken by the Tulsa Office of the IRS Criminal Investigation Division.

The return of an indictment against an individual is one method of informing him of alleged violations of criminal law which must be proven in a court of law beyond a reasonable doubt to overcome the individual's presumption of innocence.